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input means for inputting related information relating to the recording medium;

comparing means for comparing the identification data recorded on the recording medium with the related information inputted by the input means; and

13. The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 12, wherein the acquisition of the control information is carried out when the electronic equipment is connected to the network.

15. The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 12, wherein the detecting means detects the identification data through the network.

16. The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 12, wherein the identification data is TOC data.

17. An information processing method for carrying out transmission and reception of information with an electronic equipment through network, the information processing method comprising the steps of:

carrying out acquisition of control information necessary for carrying out control of the electronic equipment from the electronic equipment;

detecting identification data recorded on a recording medium mounted on the electronic equipment on the basis of the control information acquired by the acquisition step;

inputting related information relating to the recording medium;

storing the related information inputted by the input step in correspondence with the identification data;

comparing the identification data recorded on the recording medium and the related information inputted by the input step; and

carrying out display of the stored related information.

18. The information processing method as set forth in claim 17, further comprising a step of comparing the identification data recorded on the recording medium with the inputted related information.

19. The information processing method as set forth in claim 17, wherein the recording medium is a reproduction only recording medium.

20. The information processing method as set forth in claim 17, wherein detection of identification data recorded on the recording medium is carried out through the network.